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Official meetings

Friday, 3 October 2008

Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Programme of work

Briefing by the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1718

MONUC

Other matters

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.	1649th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	19th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation [52 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/165)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.3*)

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of October 2008 (China) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of October *today*, 3 October 2008, at 12.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/sc/>), in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 July 2006 (S/2006/507). Copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas, as of *today*, 3 October 2008.

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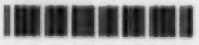

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on the agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Organization of work (A/C.5/63/1 and A/C.5/63/L.1)

Statement by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Informal briefing on the reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 1st meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Development account
2. African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM)
3. Conditions of employment of retired language staff
4. United Nations Postal Administration

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 3 October 2008

Meeting of co-sponsors on a draft resolution entitled "Security and climate change" (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other meetings

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Friday, 3 October 2008

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

2.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (monthly meeting)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (meeting to mark the sixtieth anniversary of Al-Nakba)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

OIC Group: Working Group on Counter-Terrorism (at the expert level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

African Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Arab Group (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Arab Group (Third Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other activities

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Friday, 3 October 2008

Round table on "Regional dimension of transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and a representative of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations (on the "Beijing High-Level Conference on Climate Change: Technology Development and Technology Transfer" (7–8 November 2008, China))

From 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4337; e-mail soltau@un.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Today, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Today, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*

Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish*.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 3 October 2008

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann (Nicaragua), President of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (to provide a wrap-up of the general debate)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.45[1] p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Zhang Yesui (China), President of the Security Council for the month of October (on the programme of work of the Council for the month)

Afternoon[2] . . . . . Mr. Alan Doss, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo

[1]Approximately (following Security Council consultations).

[2]Following the press conference by the President of the Security Council.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will begin on Thursday, 9 October and Friday, 10 October 2008; the meetings will take place, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Beginning the week of 13 October, three meetings per week will be held (the complete schedule and the draft outcome document are posted on the following Financing for Development (FfD) Office Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

All accredited stakeholders to the Financing for Development process are invited to attend the drafting sessions, although only representatives of governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

As announced at the informal consultations on 19 September, it is the intention of the facilitators to consider, in this first phase, the first three sections of the draft outcome document on 9 and 10 October. The next three sections would be considered during the week of 13 October, and the last three sections in the week of 20 October.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Monday, 6 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 20th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [7]

   Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Secretary-General (A/63/232)

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/63/1) . . . . [100]

Main Committees

First Committee

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are requested to kindly contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee before the opening of its general debate.

The Committee will also hear a keynote address by Prof. Ricardo Hausmann, Director of Harvard University's Center for International Development and Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government.

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing,* the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

General debate

The Third Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Information on the work of the Third Committee is available at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/third/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting in Conference Room 5.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 6 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-third session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the website of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/sixth/63/63_session.shtml>). The note by the Secretariat on the Organization of Work (A/C.6/63/L.1) and the allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/63/1) have been issued.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations); 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism); and 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 312th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

The Central African Republic configuration ot the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 2nd meeting, on Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF'S emergency response over the past six months on Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 6 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Monday, 6 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1; and

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Denmark)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ukraine)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A;

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Interactive discussion "Growing Together: Youth and the United Nations" (organized by the United Nations Programme on Youth, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.un.org/youth>; or contact Ms. Julie Pewitt, UN Programme on Youth (tel. 1 (917) 367-5169; e-mail pewitt@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Peacebuilding: a role for religion" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885; e-mail office@holyseemission.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 2 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action

17th plenary meeting — *Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation* . . . . . [52 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/165)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.3)*

The President declared open the high-level meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Enkhbayar Nambaryn, President of Mongolia

H.E. Mr. Enkhbayar Nambaryn, President of Mongolia, addressed the General Assembly.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Hamed Diane Semega, Minister of Transport of Mali; H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Minister for Foreign Affairs of India; and H.E. Mr. Hans Winkler, State Secretary for European and International Affairs of Austria.

18th plenary meeting

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and developing Institutions on transit Transport Cooperation . . . . . [52 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/165)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.3*)

The General Assembly continued its high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. The Honourable Phandu Skelemani, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Botswana; H.E. The Honourable Simon Ejua, Minister of State for Works and Transport of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Advisor in Charge of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; H.E. The Honourable Dora Siliya, Minister of Communications and Transport of Zambia; H.E. The Honourable Upendra Yadav, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Nurlan Danedov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. The Honourable Paul Smit, Deputy Minister of Works and Transport of Namibia; H.E. Ms. María Teresa Infante, National Director of Borders and Limits of the State of Chile; H.E. Mr. Ts'ele Chakela, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lesotho; H.E. The Honourable Shukuru Kawambwa, Minister for Infrastructure Development of the United Republic of Tanzania; the Chairman of the delegation of Japan; the Chairman of the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); the Chairman of the delegation of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement); Ms. Raja Ghannam, Director General of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Morocco; the Chairman of the delegation of Turkey; the Chairman of the delegation of Indonesia; the Chairman of the delegation of Paraguay; the Chairman of the delegation of the Philippines; and the Chairman of the delegation of Brazil.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that on Monday morning, 6 October 2008, the Assembly would take up, as the first item, the request by the Secretary-General, contained in document A/63/232, for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the sixty-third session, namely, "Judges of the International Tribunal for the

Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991".

Main Committees

First Committee

1st meeting

The Chairperson, H.E. Mr. Marco A. Suazo Fernández (Honduras), made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba and Nigeria.

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable, as contained in documents A/C.1/63/CRP.1 and A/C.1/63/CRP.2

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1st meeting

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/63/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/63/L.1) containing suggestions on the organization of work.

The Committee approved its programme of work, as contained in document A/C.4/63/L.1.

The Chairman also drew members' attention to document A/C.4/63/INF/1, which contained the list of documents before the Committee.

The Committee also decided to establish a Working Group of the Whole, chaired by the delegation of Colombia, to prepare the draft resolutions on agenda item 28 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of Outer Space).

At the suggestion of the Chairman (A/C.4/63/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, and to close the list of speakers on those items on Monday, 6 October 2008 at 6 p.m.

The Committee also decided that Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 4 p.m. would be the deadline for submission of all draft proposals on decolonization items.

Request for hearings

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to Aide-mémoire 1/08 and 1/08/Add.1 containing 71 requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar, Guam, New Caledonia, the United States Virgin Islands and Western Sahara.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Chairman also informed the Committee of the communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar who wishes to make a statement on Gibraltar under item 37.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Indonesia and Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group).

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

239th meeting

Election of the Chairman

The Vice-Chairperson (Bulgaria), serving as Acting Chairman, made a statement.

The representative of Cyprus, elected by acclamation as Chairman, made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Acceleration of immigration and customs procedures

The representatives of Cuba and the United States made statements.

The Chairman made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention). Geneva, 14 November 1975

Entry into force of Amendments to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 13 of Annex 8 together with proposals to introduce New Explanatory Notes 8.13.1-3 and 8.13.2 to Annex 6 of the Convention

Correction to the French text of the Amendments to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 13 of Annex 8 together with proposals to introduce New Explanatory Notes 8.13.1-3 and 8.13.2 to Annex 6 of the Convention

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 2 October 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/5 (Vol. I)	Financial report and audited financial statements — for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 and — Report of the Board of Auditors — Volume I — Supplement No. 5 [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-second session
A/RES/62/274	Item 56 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Strengthening transparency in industries [A C E F R S]
A/RES/62/276	Item 121 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/RES/62/278	Item 116 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Mandate review [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-third session
A/63/114/Add.1	Item 91 of the provisional agenda — General and complete disarmament — Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/232	Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the sixty-third session — Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/298*	Reissued for technical reasons [F (only)]
A/63/325	Item 66 of the provisional agenda — Right of peoples to self-determination — Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/378	Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 25 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/623*	Reissued for technical reasons [A (only)]
S/2008/628	Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Fortieth session

CEDAW/C/SAU/CO/2	Concluding comments of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women — Saudi Arabia [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2008/52	Information circular — 2009 competitive examination for recruitment to the Professional category of staff members from other categories [E F (only)]
ST/SGB/2006/16/Amend.1	Secretary-General's bulletin — Disposition of the documents of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme [E]

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